

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are all the claims pending in the application. We are pleased to report that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 contain patentable subject matter. Claims 1, 5 and 6 presently stand rejected.

Claims 1-4 are objected to because of informalities. Applicant amends the claims as indicated in order to remove any ambiguities.

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant amends claim 1 to incorporate the patentable subject matter of claim 4, and cancels claim 4 accordingly. This amendment is believed to bring claims 1, 5 and 6 into condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 2 is rewritten into independent form, so as to bring claims 2 and 3 into condition for allowance.

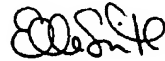
Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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